

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 12, 2015**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. New Commissioner Paul Wilkinson was welcomed.

Minutes of the December 29th meeting were dispensed until the next meeting for lack of a quorum of the 2014 Commissioners.

### **CLERK**

Clerk Debbie Richardson presented a maintenance contract for MircoVote. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the contract after Attorney Leigh Morning reviewed the document. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the Treasurer's Monthly report. Humphrey reported that letters are being sent to delinquent taxpayers. The Board of Finance meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

### **HEALTH COALITION**

Gracie Marlatt representing the Health Coalition-Fitness Initiative requested permission to advertise public walking in the Courthouse from 7:00-8:00a.m. and from 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Paul Wilkinson moved to allow the request. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ORGANIZATION**

Commissioner Paul Wilkinson moved that Commissioner Bruce Levi remain as chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Bruce Levi accepted the nomination and seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Mr. Levi moved that Mark Bacon be named as vice chairman with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The following committee appointments were approved:

- APC-Mark Bacon. Motion by Bruce Levi. Second by Paul Wilkinson.
- Insurance Committee-Bruce Levi. Motion by Paul Wilkinson. Second by Bruce Levi.
- Health Board-Bruce Levi. Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi.
- ECDC- Paul Wilkinson. Motion by Bruce Levi and seconded by Paul Wilkinson.
- ICAP- Paul Wilkinson. Motion by Bruce Levi. Second by Paul Wilkinson.
- Chamber of Commerce-Ken Masters. Motion by Bruce Levi and seconded by Paul Wilkinson.
- Work One-to be determined at the next meeting.

## **WIND FARMS**

The auditor reported that a check for \$40,000 was received from NextEra. The funds are for legal fees and financial analysis for the Whitewater Wind Project.

## **COURTHOUSE REPAIRS**

Bruce Levi reported that the video conferencing system has been installed in the Superior Courtroom. Judge Brian Hill has requested new carpet for the courtroom, traffic court, and the Superior Court offices. The estimate from Wholesale Carpets is \$4,313.53. Levi also noted that there is a need for touch-up painting in the courtroom. The request was tabled while funding can be determined.

QPH submitted a quote for a new pump for the courthouse heating system in the amount of \$3,200.00. Paul Wilkinson moved to accept the quote pending warranty information. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Verlin Custer of Custer Electric submitted a report on the inspection of personal electric heaters being used in the courthouse.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted his monthly report. Sitton reported that a bridge on 1000N is being replaced by using concrete slabs that were salvaged from replaced bridges. Bridge Inspection starts in March to be paid from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Sitton stated that the Cum fund is not generating enough funds and would like to see it raised by 1 or 2 cents. The other alternative is that the council raise Cumulative Capital rate and allocate a portion of that fund to bridges. Sitton reported that the Sheriff is trading a pick-up truck with 66,000 miles and the Highway Department would like to purchase it. Paul Wilkinson moved to allow the purchase. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

New Sheriff Jim Cowan was welcomed by the Commissioners. Cowan reported a busy week with the inmate count at 19. Dispatch received 311 calls, the reserves worked 68 hours and code red is being adjusted so the Sheriff does not receive 79 messages of undelivered calls.

Jim Trout is the first courthouse security officer hired. Trout will receive the required 40 hours of training over the next 3 weeks.

Cowan reported that there are 3 sex offenders behind on paying fees specified in County Council Ordinance 2007-3. The sheriff questioned if there is a mechanism to enforce the fees.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Leigh Morning, County Attorney, presented a contract with Gilliam Janitorial Services in the amount of \$54,948. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the contract. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A contract with Wellman Brothers, Inc for extended courthouse roof repairs was presented by Ms. Morning. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the \$20,921 contract. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **AUDITOR**

- Surety bonds were signed for Kevin Spilman, Angie Buckley and Catherine Custer on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi.
- EMS reports were received from Milroy Fire, Carthage Fire and Rush Memorial Hospital.
- Claims were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi.
- Payroll was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi.

Paul Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Bruce Levi offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

absent  
Mark Bacon

/s/Paul Wilkinson  
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor